THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (d) The instances of cheating and misguiding by the touts whenever reported are refered to Police for action since touting is a criminal offence covered under the jurisdiction of local police. The issue is also discussed in the Airport Facilitation Committee Meetings and Airport Security Committee Meetings headed by Airport Director. Whenever, there are reports of touting, Stringent action to curb this activity is taken.

Upgradation of Jaipur Airport

611. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to connect Sanganer Airport (Jaipur) with some International flights and upgrade the Jaipur Airport to that of International standard; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Sanganer Airport (Jaipur) has already been connected with Dubai by Indian Airlines International flight, and Jaipur Airport has already been developed as a Model Airport and is being upgraded to international standards. Further, the works of extension and resurfacing of runway, resurfacing of taxiway, expansion and resurfacing of apron, construction of an Isolation Bay etc. are in progress and are likely to be completed by April 2003. The work of construction of New Technical block cum Control Tower and new first Station is also likely to be completed shortly.

Touts at Airports

†612. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Namon Ki takhtiyan lekar khare rahte hain dalal" which appeared in Dainik Jagaran dated 6th June, 2002;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.